



## Middle School STEM+Arts Institute Classes Winter 2024 - Q3

- **Music Appreciation and Theory Group1** – taught by Rachel Leon– **Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2:15.** Students will learn about scales, keys, types of chords, music theory, etc. This class will focus on the progression of music and influences on culture. We will also focus on proper techniques. Students must choose an instrument. Please ask about the instrument loaner program.
- **Culinary Arts** —taught by Claudia Abeyta– **Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2:15** Class is an experiential class where students learn how to combine flavors and ingredients in order to fully express their creativity. We will focus on technical skills and foundational techniques throughout the class to help you become a truly great chef.
- **Electronics and Programming** - Taught by Bill Hood - **Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2:15** Students will become familiar with constructing their own circuits! We introduce programming to the very circuits the students have created. This is a preparatory course and prerequisite for Unity.
- **Science Explorations** - taught by Laura Tenorio - **Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:15-4:00.** Can a drinking straw save the world? Learn skills and ways to apply Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to real-life situations. Make your own solutions to community problems, and learn about STEM careers using drones, straws, and anything we can get our hands on to make STEM come alive!
- **Art in Nature** - taught by Delilah Duran - **Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:15 - 4:00.** This class invites students to explore elements of art found in the natural world. This will be explored through sketching and painting. No previous art experience required.
- **Music Appreciation and Theory Group 2** – taught by Rachel Leon– **Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:15 - 4:00.** Students will learn about scales, keys, types of chords, music theory, etc. This class will focus on the progression of music and influences on culture. We will also focus on proper techniques. Students must have previously taken a music class at TA or have instructor approval. Please ask about the instrument loaner program.
- **Theatre**- taught by John Biscello-**Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:15 - 4:00.** Enter the marvelous multi-verse of acting and drama, and bring to life the characters that live inside you. Through a variety of dramatic games, exercises, improv and movement, develop your performing skills while working with an ensemble in staging skits, scenes and short plays. A range of styles and genres, from comedy, tragedy, mystery, sci-fi, satire, and more, will be the mash-up ingredients in our creation of live theater....all you need to bring is a sense of play and the spirit of imagination.

**Middle School 2nd Quarter STEM + Art Institute:** Second quarter STEM offerings will be available for registration beginning January 15, 2024. All classes are 0.25 elective credit and grades are posted on transcripts. All classes follow Taos Academy policies. Last Day to drop a class is January 31st, 2024 and must be done in writing to Ms. Jamie Lucero-Martinez -no exceptions. [jlucero-martinez@taosacademy.org](mailto:jlucero-martinez@taosacademy.org) **ALL registration must be done in the STEM Office with Cruz Duran. Materials fees will be \$10 for all courses. Fee payment is required for registration.** This will assist in covering some materials cost for classes or help repair borrowed equipment. Space is limited. **\*If a course is dropped by the student a fee credit will be given towards another course. No Refunds.\***

**REMINDER:** MS Students may not take the same course consecutively. Students wanting to repeat a course will be placed on the waitlist until after the first day of classes. If there is room in the class after the first day then students on the waitlist will be added based on the order they signed up. No changes will be made after the drop date.

\*STEM Instructors may drop students for low participation with two written notices to parents/students. No instructor initiated student drops will be made after February 9th, 2024. **No fee credit toward future courses.**

January 23 - March 7, 2024

